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- 1. In TREX, FOREIGN Travel Authorizations are routed to a specific Division Director or Division Director designee for approval.
- 2. All Expense Reports are routed to an approver who has SAS authority to approve expenses for the primary project selected in the Authorization or Expense Report.
- 3. When FOREIGN Authorizations or Expense Reports are submitted for approval in TREX, an email is automatically sent to the approver.
- 4. To approve an Authorization or Expense Report, an approver has two choices:
  - Use the Worklist link at the top of your TREX page to open the Authorization or Expense Report.
  - Use the link inside the email received to open the document to be approved.

## I. Using the Worklist to open a document

Approvers do not need to use the email link to open and approve a travel document in TREX. They can sign into TREX and click on the Worklist link at the top of the TREX page.



After clicking on Worklist, TREX displays the complete list of documents currently awaiting approval by the approver.

Worklist					
<u>From</u>	Date From	Work Item	Worked By Activity	Priority	Link
Pecoraro,Aurora	04/19/2008	Expense Report Approval	Approve Expense Report		0000010006
Sebek,Klara	05/16/2008	Expense Report Approval	Approve Expense Report		▼ 0000010059
Pecoraro,Aurora	06/18/2008	Expense Report Approval	Approve Expense Report		0000010136
Pecoraro,Aurora	06/18/2008	Expense Report Approval	Approve Expense Report		▼ 0000010137
Pecoraro,Aurora	06/20/2008	Expense Report Approval	Approve Expense Report		▼ 0000010150
Cruz,Rosa C	07/17/2008	Expense Report Approval	Approve Expense Report		▼ 0000010216

To open a specific document from the list in your worklist, click on the document's blue link. TREX displays the document.



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If the approver knows he or she will be on vacation or unavailable, he/ she must notify the staff of this event in order to avoid documents sitting in his/her queue waiting for approval.

## II. Using the email link to open a document

When Foreign Authorizations and Expense Reports are submitted in

TREX, an email like the one below is sent to the approver. Subject: Travel expense report is awaiting your approval. From: fms-logmail@mailbot.lbl.gov Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 10:31:21 -0700 (PDT) To: APecoraro@lbl.gov Travel expense report is awaiting your approval. : Malone, David ID: 001688 Traveler Arranger : Pecoraro, Aurora : DEMO ER NO AUTH Trip Name LBNL Trip # : 000060666 Report ID : 0000010294 Total Expenses : \$1498.5 Reimbursement : \$848.5 Begin Date : 01/20/2008 End Date: 01/25/2008 First Business Location: DENVER,CO **Business Purpose** : Site Visit https://trextrn.lbl.gov/psp/trextrn/ZT\_TRAVEL/ERP/c/ADMINISTER\_EXPENSE\_FUNCTIONS.TE\_APPROVE III. Approving a document. The approver has the option to approve the document or to send it back for revision if any information is incorrect. **Approve Expense Report Expense Report Summary** Aurora Pecoraro Report ID: 0000010233 ▼ Report Information Trip Name: 000060564 Trip Type Foreign Trip Name LBNL Trip#: Supplemental Exp. Report Trip < 24 Hours Arranger: ABCDEFG Trip Comments: Trip comments go here. Business Purpose: Site Visit Submitted Last Updated: 07/21/2008 By: MFATKINSON 07/21/2008 By: MFATKINSON Accounting Date: 07/21/2008 Trip Description and Benefit Trip description goes here Project Information ze | Find | 1 300704 50.00 YN0100000 CF OPEXP Itinerary Legs Primary info 1 10/20/2007 BERKELEY,CA Q 10/20/2007 3 SACRAMENTO,CA 2 2 10/22/2007 3 SACRAMENTO,CA Q 10/22/2007 3 BERKELEY,CA Q Expense Report Totals Employee Expenses 1,464.00 USD Due Employee 1,464.00 USD Non-Reimbursable Expenses 0.00 USD Prepaid Expenses: 0.00 USD Definition of Totals Cash Advances Applied: 0.00 USD Current Approval Status Originator Pecoraro, Aurora 04/19/2008 Division Approver 1 Axthelm.Charles A Pre-Pay Auditor Find | View All First 1 of 2 Last Axthelm.Charles A Comment: Approved 5//01/08. Approve Report Send Back for Revision

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Note: Remember to confirm the approval by clicking the OK button.

This report will be approved

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